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To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

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FUNDING FOR THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM

On June 14, 2005, your Board approved funding for the Dispute Resolution Program for FY 2005-06 with an amendment directing the Interim Director of the Department of Community and Senior Services to distribute \$250,000 from the Dispute Resolution contingency fund proportionately among all 15 contractors, and to prepare and submit monthly financial reports to my office tracking revenues and expenditures for the program in order to avoid any cost overruns beyond the contingency fund. Your Board also instructed my office to develop a legislative strategy to maintain the existing level of funding for the Dispute Resolution Program and report back findings and recommendations within 90 days. This memorandum provides a response to the last item.

On July 19, 2005, the Governor signed AB 145, the Uniform Civil Fees Budget Trailer Bill. AB 145 establishes a uniform schedule of civil court fees to ensure that the same fees are charged for the same services across all 58 counties. Among its provisions, the bill preserves funding for the Dispute Resolution Program at the current level through December 31, 2007.

My office has advised the Department of Community and Senior Services of the provisions in AB 145, and will work with the Department to seek a possible legislative resolution should additional funding be needed for the Dispute Resolution Program prior to December 31, 2007.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Department of Community and Senior Services